

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT
Incident Report #713658**

INITIAL AND FINAL

DATE: February 20, 2004

SUBJECT: International Paper Co. (Cantonment, Florida) Oil Spill

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I. BACKGROUND

FPN: n/a
PRFA: n/a
PROJECT CEILING: n/a
LEAD AGENCIES: USEPA, Region IV, ERRB
NPL: N
FUNDING: RP
LEAD OSC: EPA/FLDEP-District 5

II. SITUATION

Date of Notification: 02-18-04
Date Action Started: 02-18-04
Completion Date: ongoing
Pollutant: #5 diesel/waste oil
Quantity discharged: **24100 gallons.**
Substantial threat: **low**

III. ACTIONS TAKEN

During the early morning hours of February 18, 2004 at approximately 0300 hrs., the International Paper Pulp Mill (IP), located in Cantonment, Florida reported a spill of approximately 21400 gallons of #5 diesel released from a 50,000 gallon AST. A “pipeline plug” failed, causing the fuel to discharge directly into the facility’s storm sewer system. The fuel traveled underground for several hundred feet through the sewer system before discharging directly into IP’s primary, solids, settling basin. Weather conditions were dry at the time of the spill.

EPA-OSC Ullock was notified of the spill by a FLDEP-District 5 official at approximately 0900 hrs. the same day. OSC responded to the scene and arrived at approximately 1130 hrs. One FLDEP-District 5 Responder was already on-scene providing oversight at the time of arrival. EPA was briefed by the RP and escorted to the spill scene. EPA-OSC, FLDEP and RP walked the entire length of the spill. Clean up contractors were on-scene and had deployed approximately 1000 ft of “hard-boom” at the discharge area of the settling basin to prevent the oil from entering into the secondary treatment pond. Clean up crews were also recovering oil from a collection area. The recovered oil was to be recycled within the IP mill. EPA-OSC witnessed work crews appropriately mitigating spill and containment efforts. No soils were impacted as a result of this spill. Numerous odor complaints have been received by the FLDEP-Warning Point and IP.

EPA-OSC departed the scene at approximately 1600 hours.

On 02/19/04, OSC Ullock conducted follow up calls with the FLDEP-District 5 Responder and IP environmental officials. Crews were continuing with oil recovery efforts and no complications were anticipated. FLDEP-District 5, ER officials expressed satisfaction that recovery operations were progressing well.

IV. FUTURE ACTIONS

No further action anticipated at this time.